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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examining the above-identified national phase patent application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-41 and add new claims 42-58, as follows:

A, 42. A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package including:

an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device, the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions that are sealingly engaged with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity;

a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and the terminals; and

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer.

43. A package according to claim 42 wherein the sealant layer is Nucrel™ resin containing between about 5% and 10% ethylene acrylic acid.